

Psychiatric Diversion

What does this appropriation support?

The Psychiatric Diversion program diverts children from expensive in-patient psychiatric hospitalization and/or shortens the length of time children spend in in-patient psychiatric care when hospitalization is necessary. This funding provides for alternative placements such as career foster homes and other therapeutic wraparound interventions such as one-on-one supervision, counseling and other mental health services.

What is the authorization for this program?

State statutes: RSMo. 210.292, 210.048-210.531, 211.031; Federal: 42 USC Sections 670 and 5101

Is this a federally mandated program?

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to care for children who are abused and neglected.

Are there federal matching requirements?

Most psychiatric diversion costs are Medicaid rehab or IV-E reimbursable. Both types of claims are paid at the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) rate. The FMAP fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally the state matching requirement is around 40% and the federal match is 60%.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$6,561,278	\$6,209,245	\$6,346,361	\$6,346,361
FEDERAL	\$9,691,373	\$9,555,214	\$9,634,504	\$9,691,373
OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$16,252,651	\$15,764,459	\$15,980,865	\$16,037,734

What are the sources of other funds?

Not applicable.